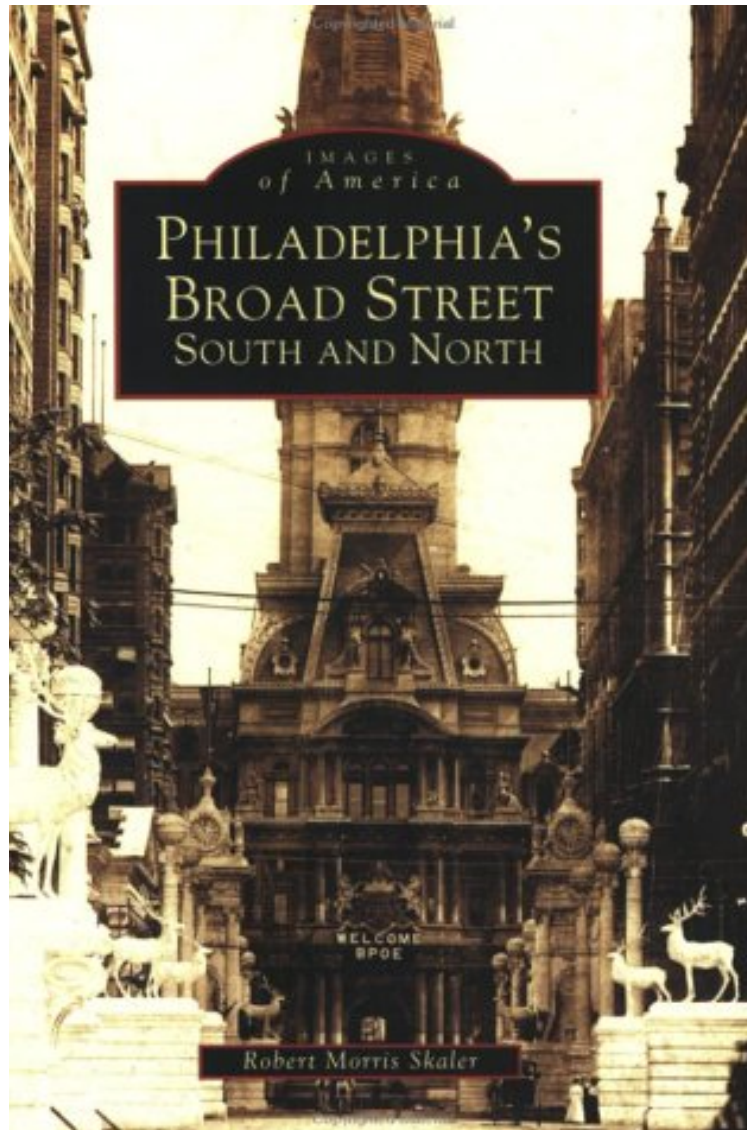


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About the AuthorRobert Morris Skaler, a forensic architect and architectural historian, has been collecting historic images of Broad Street for forty years. A past president of the Philadelphia chapter of the Victorian Society and a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Architecture, Skaler is also the author of West Philadelphia: University City to 52nd Street.